

Province of } To his Excellency Francis Bernard Esq. to the
Massachusetts } Hono^{ble} his Majestys Council & to the Hono^{ble}
House of } House of Representatives in Gene^{ral} Court &c.

The Petition of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester
humbly shews, that the Superior Court of Judicature and
the Courts of Generall Sessions of the Peace, and Inferior
Courts of Common Pleas for ^S County have hitherto
been holden at Worcester the shire Town of ^S County
and your Petitioners are apprehensive, another Term of
the ^S Superior Court may shortly be appointed for ^S
County and your Petitioners are apprehensive it would
be more for the conveniency of said County, if one term
of the said Superior Court, and two of the Courts of General
Sessions and Common Pleas were holden at ^S Lancaster, your
Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that your Excellency and
Honors would take the Premises into your wise consideration
and establish one Term of the ^S Superior Court and two
of the Courts of Sessions & Common Pleas to be holden at
Lancaster for the future, or otherwise regulate the same
as your Excell^y and Honors shall think meet, and your Petiti-
oners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Abijah Willard in behalf of
the Town of Lancaster

In the House of Representatives Febr^y 19 1768 Ordered
that the Petitioners Notify the severall Towns & Districts, and
also the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in the County of
Worcester of this Petition, by serving their Clerks with a Copy thereof
to shew cause if any they have, on the second Tuesday of the next
May Session, why the Prayer should not be granted

Sent up for concurrence

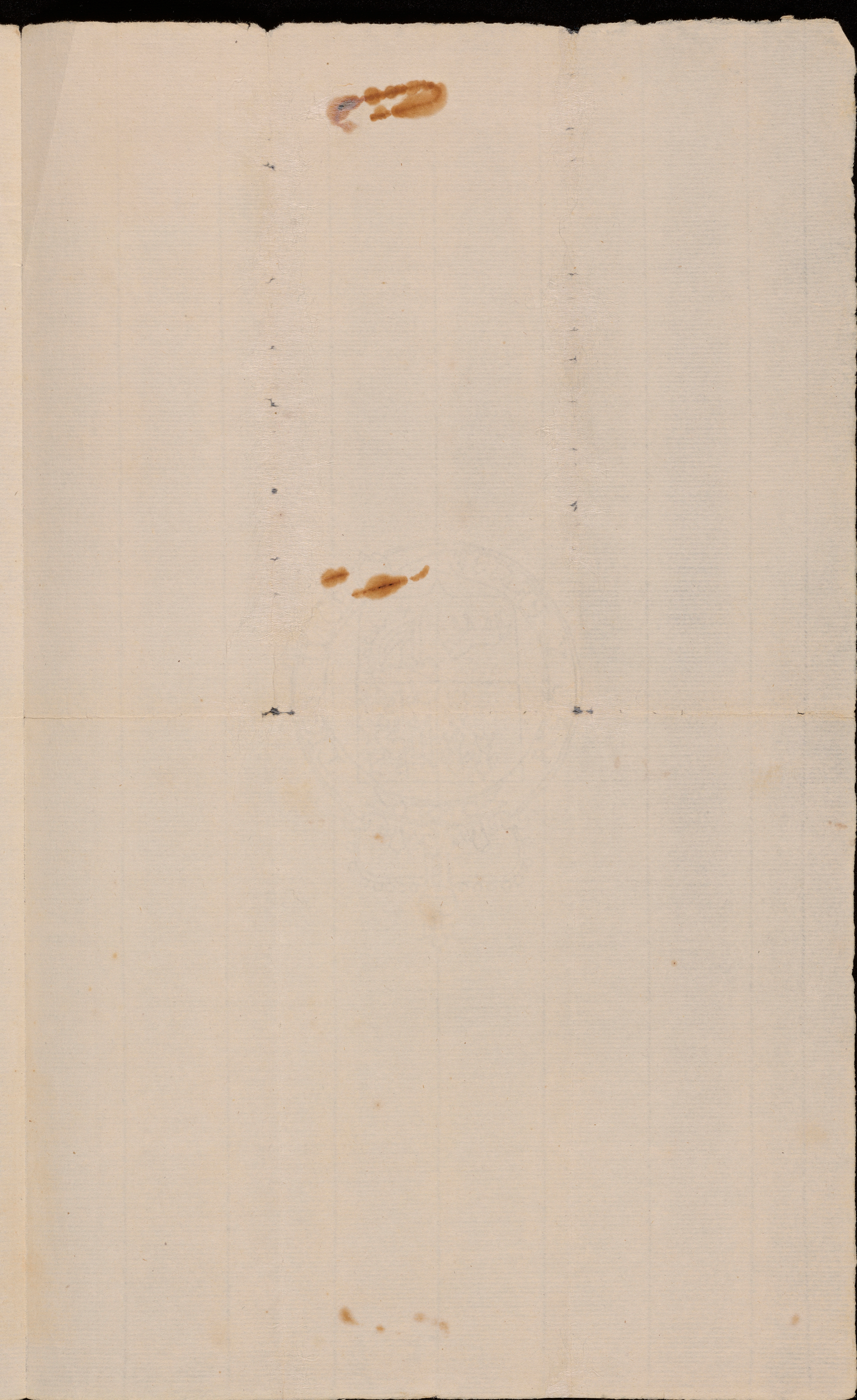
J. Lushing Speaker

in Counsell Febr^y 19 1768 Read and Concured

A. Oliver Sec^y

a True Copy attest Jn^o Coffin D^y Sec^y





Southborough